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States is carried on alongside the wharf at the custom-house. Fruit is taken aboard while the steamships are at anchor.

Fruit ships no longer ascend the Escondido River to Rama, but remain in Bluefields Lagoon during their stay in port.

All passengers for the United States must go via Limon, Costa Rica, as all Bluefields steamships, after leaving here, proceed to that port for completion of cargoes.

Passengers are not allowed to land in Limon.

The manager of the steamship company has informed me that his vessels will not carry passengers from Bluefields for Limon. Orders to that effect were received by him from the United Fruit Company manager in the latter-named port.

PANAMA.

Report from Bocos del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended April 7, 1907. Present officially estimated population, 4,954; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 2	Helen.....	Mobile.....	21	0	0	0
4	Fort Gaines.....	do.....	23	0	0	0
5	Esparta.....	New Orleans.....	44	0	0	0
5	Katie.....	Mobile.....	22	1	0	0

PERU.

Reports from Callao—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Peru—Plague and smallpox in Chilean ports—Epizootic among rodents at Arequipa.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, March 17 and 25:

Week ended March 16, 1907. Vessels were dispatched as follows:

The Japanese steamship *Kasato Maru*, on the 14th instant, for Honolulu, with general cargo and a total personnel of 182, of whom 2 cabin and 62 steerage passengers were from this port.

The British steamship *Peru*, on the 15th instant, for Ancon, Canal Zone, with general cargo and a total personnel of 238, of whom 3 members of crew, 82 cabin, and 40 steerage passengers were from this port.

The German steamship *Uarda*, on the 16th instant, for San Francisco, Cal., with niter and ores, and a total personnel of 63, of whom 1 cabin passenger and 2 members of crew were from this port.

The following is reported from Chile by bills of health: Antofagasta, 19 cases of plague, with 11 deaths, in 2 weeks ended March 6; Coquimbo, 12 cases of smallpox, with 2 deaths, in 2 weeks ended March 4; Iquique, smallpox still present.